grant of loans by Government to persons willing to purchase engines or mills for extracting oils, manufacturing sugar, and husking paddy is therefore necessary.

Reply of Government.—This is provided for in the new rules to be issued under the Land Improvement Regulation and Section 194 of the Land Revenue Code which are under consideration. As for the grant of loans by Government to persons wishing to purchase engines or mills for extracting oils, manufacturing sugar, etc., where the amount of the loan required is in excess of that provided in the rules, Government have been ready to encourage private enterprise and have always been disposed to give very favourable consideration to applications for such loans and to grant them on special terms when necessary as has been recently done in the case of Mr. Krishna Iyengar, Inamdar of Oorgahalli, to whom a loan of Rs. 9,000 has been advanced to purchase an evaporating plant for the manufacture of sugar.

SUBJECT No. 71.

Use of oil-engines for lifting water for cultivation.

Mr. Subba Rao, Chitaldrug District Board.

Summary of discussion.—In parts of the Chitaldrug District where there are no tanks but where there are natural facilities for procuring water by lifting it from streams or by tapping springs in wells, oil-engines may be supplied for the purpose of extending wet cultivation and a water rate levied from the raiyats as is being done in the Madras Presidency. Government should undertake the installation of these engines in order to make water available for irrigation in all places where it is not possible to utilize the water by constructing tanks.

Reply of Government.—It is not possible for Government to undertake the installation of oil-engines. Government are always prepared to aid private persons in getting these engines. Orders have been passed for the loan of an engine to Nandi Basappa of Shimoga. If it is not possible for single individuals to get these engines, companies or syndicates or co-operative credit societies may be formed for the purpose.

SUBJECT No. 72.

Underground survey of water.

Mr. H.V. Bhima Rao, Malur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—An underground survey of water-bearing strata may be undertaken by Government in the dry districts of the State, so that the raiyats may be enabled to find localities yielding an abundant supply of water.

The Government should start a survey of the State with the object of ascertaining all the spots where water can be easily found and make the information available to the raiyats.

Reply of Government.—Some well-boring operations will be carried on in the Kolar District as directed in Government Order No. R. 971-81—Agri. 121-06-5, dated 7th August 1907, and if the member applies to the Deputy Commissioner, he will be able to arrange to have